

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting an audio sample using electronic mail, comprising:

establishing an audio sample to be a predefined sole default audio sample to be used in conjunction with an email application program;

within the email application program, providing a platform for a sender to generate an electronic mail message to a recipient;

within the email application program, receiving a single command from the sender to attach the predefined sole default audio sample; and

responsive to the sender's command within the email application program to attach the predefined sole default audio sample, attaching the predefined sole audio sample to the electronic mail message.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the audio sample comprises a computer file containing a compressed audio sample.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein the audio sample further comprises a link to a source for purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein if the recipient makes a purchase from the source, an affinity credit is awarded to the sender.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the audio sample comprises a link to a source of streaming music.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 5, wherein the link further provides access to a source of purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

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7. (Original) The method according to claim 6, wherein if the recipient makes a purchase from the source, an affinity credit is awarded to the sender.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the single command comprises clicking an icon.

9. (Previously Presented) A method of transmitting an audio sample using electronic mail, comprising:

- establishing an audio sample to be a predefined default audio sample to be used in conjunction with an email application program;

- within the email application program, providing a platform for a sender to generate an electronic mail message to a recipient;

- within the email application program, automatically attaching the predefined default audio sample to each electronic mail message generated by the sender;

- receiving a command from the sender to send the electronic mail message;

and

- sending the electronic mail message along with the predefined default audio sample to the recipient.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein the audio sample comprises a computer file containing a compressed audio sample.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein the audio sample further comprises a link to a source for purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 11, wherein if the recipient makes a purchase from the source, an affinity credit is awarded to the sender.

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13. (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein the audio sample comprises a link to a source of streaming audio.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 13, wherein the link further provides access to a source of purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

15. (Original) The method according to claim 14, wherein if the recipient makes a purchase from the source, an affinity credit is awarded to the sender.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein the automatically attaching takes place in an enterprise electronic mail server.

17. (Previously Presented) An electronic mail system, comprising:

- a programmed processor;

- an electronic mail application running on the programmed processor, the electronic mail application having a user interface including a plurality of user controls to permit a sender to create and send an electronic mail message to a recipient;

- program means, forming a part of the electronic mail application, for establishing an audio sample to be a predefined default audio sample that is to be used in conjunction with the electronic mail application; and

- program means forming a part of the electronic mail application, for attaching the default audio sample to an electronic mail document upon a user's actuation of a single control on the user interface.

18. (Original) The system according to claim 17, wherein the audio sample comprises a computer file containing a compressed audio sample.

19. (Original) The system according to claim 17, wherein the audio sample further comprises a link to a source for purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

20. (Original) The system according to claim 19, wherein if the recipient makes a purchase from the source, an affinity credit is awarded to the sender.

21. (Original) The system according to claim 17, wherein the audio sample comprises a link to a source of streaming audio.

22. (Original) The system according to claim 21, wherein the link further provides access to a source of purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

23. (Original) The system according to claim 22, wherein if the recipient makes a purchase from the source, an affinity credit is awarded to the sender.

24. (Previously Presented) An electronic mail system, comprising:

- a programmed processor;

- an electronic mail application running on the programmed processor, the electronic mail application having a user interface including a plurality of user controls to permit a sender to create and send an electronic mail message to a recipient;

- means for establishing an audio sample to be a predefined default audio sample used in conjunction with the electronic mail application; and

- program means forming a part of the electronic mail application, for attaching the predefined default audio sample to all electronic mail documents sent by the sender.

25. (Original) The system according to claim 24, wherein the audio sample comprises a computer file containing a compressed audio sample.

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26. (Original) The system according to claim 24, wherein the audio sample further comprises a link to a source for purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

27. (Original) The system according to claim 26, wherein if the recipient makes a purchase from the source, an affinity credit is awarded to the sender.

28. (Original) The system according to claim 24, wherein the audio sample comprises a link to a source of streaming audio.

29. (Original) The system according to claim 28, wherein the link further provides access to a source of purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

30. (Original) The system according to claim 29, wherein if the recipient makes a purchase from the source, an affinity credit is awarded to the sender.

31. (Previously Presented) An electronic mail system, comprising:

- a computer network;

- a programmed processor forming a part of the computer network;

- an electronic mail application running on the programmed processor, the electronic mail application having a user interface including a plurality of user controls to permit a sender to create and send an electronic mail message to a recipient;

- means for establishing an audio sample to be a predefined default audio sample to be used with the electronic mail application;

- an enterprise email server forming a part of the computer network, wherein email messages created using the electronic mail application are passed through the email server; and

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program means, running on the enterprise email server, for attaching the predefined default audio sample to an electronic mail document sent from the electronic mail application to the recipient.

32. (Original) The system according to claim 31, wherein the audio sample comprises a computer file containing a compressed audio sample.

33. (Original) The system according to claim 31, wherein the audio sample further comprises a link to a source for purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

34. (Original) The system according to claim 31, wherein the audio sample comprises a link to a source of streaming audio.

35. (Original) The system according to claim 31, wherein the link further provides access to a source of purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

36. (Previously Presented) An electronic storage medium containing instructions that, when executed on a programmed processor, carry out a method of transmitting a predefined default audio sample using electronic mail, comprising:

providing a platform within an email application program for a sender to generate an electronic mail message to a recipient;

establishing an audio sample to be the predefined default audio sample for use in the email application program;

within the email application program, receiving a single command from the sender to attach the predefined default audio sample; and

responsive to the sender's command within the email application program to attach the predefined default audio sample, attaching the predefined default audio sample to the electronic mail message.

37. (Original) The electronic storage medium according to claim 36, wherein the audio sample comprises a computer file containing a compressed audio sample.

38. (Original) The electronic storage medium according to claim 36, wherein the audio sample further comprises a link to a source for purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

39. (Original) The electronic storage medium according to claim 36, wherein the audio sample comprises a link to a source of streaming audio.

40. (Original) The electronic storage medium according to claim 39, wherein the link further provides access to a source of purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

41. (Original) The electronic storage medium according to claim 36, wherein the single command comprises clicking an icon.

42. (Currently Amended) An electronic storage medium containing instructions which, when executed on a programmed processor, carry out a method of transmitting a predefined default audio sample ~~sample~~ using electronic mail, comprising:

establishing an audio sample to be the predefined default audio sample for use in an email application program;

within the email application program, providing a platform for a sender to generate an electronic mail message to a recipient;

within the email application program, automatically attaching the predefined default audio sample to the electronic mail message;

receiving a command from the sender to send the electronic mail message;
and

sending the electronic mail message along with the predefined default audio sample to the recipient.

43. (Original) The electronic storage medium according to claim 42, wherein the audio sample comprises a computer file containing a compressed audio sample.

44. (Original) The electronic storage medium according to claim 42, wherein the audio sample further comprises a link to a source for purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

45. (Original) The electronic storage medium according to claim 42, wherein the audio sample comprises a link to a source of streaming audio.

46. (Original) The electronic storage medium according to claim 45, wherein the link further provides access to a source of purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

47. (Previously Presented) An enterprise mail server, comprising:

means for receiving an email message sent from a connected computer residing within the enterprise at the enterprise mail server;

means for establishing an audio sample to be a predefined default audio sample for use in the enterprise mail server;

program means operable on the enterprise mail server for attaching the predefined default audio sample to the email message; and

means for sending the email message with the attached predefined default audio sample to a recipient.

48. (Original) The enterprise mail server according to claim 47, wherein the audio sample comprises a computer file containing a compressed audio sample.

49. (Original) The enterprise mail server according to claim 47, wherein the audio sample further comprises a link to a source for purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

50. (Original) The enterprise mail server according to claim 47, wherein the audio sample comprises a link to a source of streaming audio.

51. (Original) The enterprise mail server according to claim 47, wherein the link further provides access to a source of purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

52. (New) An automated method of transmitting a single compressed default audio sample using electronic mail, comprising:

establishing a computer file representing a compressed audio sample to be the sole predefined default audio sample to be used in conjunction with an email application program;

within the email application program, providing a platform for a sender to generate an electronic mail message to a recipient;

within the email application program, receiving a single command from the sender that operates to directly attach the predefined default audio sample, where the single command is executed by selection of an icon forming a part of the email application program's user interface and is executed as a single command without any subsequent actions and without exiting the email application program; and

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responsive to the sender's command executed from within the email application program to attach the predefined default audio sample, attaching the predefined audio sample to the electronic mail message.

53. (New) The method according to claim 52, wherein the audio sample further comprises a link to a source for purchase of a product containing a representation of the audio sample.

54. (New) The method according to claim 53, wherein if the recipient makes a purchase from the source, an affinity credit is awarded to the sender.